

**MINUTES OF THE
AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
MEETING
JULY 15, 2008**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review Commission was called to order on July 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Smith in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Spokely, Nardini-Hanson, Worthington, Young, Elder, Chrm. Smith

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Kidd

STAFF PRESENT: Reg Murray, Senior Planner; Joseph Scarbrough, Assistant Planner Intern; Sue Fraizer, Administrative Assistant

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 20, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted. The minutes of the June 3, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. Historic Design Review - 135 Sacramento Street (Serendipity) - File HDR 08-22.** The applicant requests approval of four signs for Serendipity located at 135 Sacramento Street, including one ±11.25 square foot wall sign and two ±6 square foot wall signs on the front facade, and one 4 square foot hanging sign.

Planner Scarbrough presented the staff report. He provided details about the proposed signs as outlined in the staff report. The proposal includes two address signs for the two addresses at this building. It is staff's opinion that the signs are consistent with the Historical

Preservation Architectural Design Guidelines. Staff recommends approval of the signage, as proposed.

Comm. Worthington asked why there are two addresses at this location.

The public hearing was opened to allow the applicant to respond.

The applicant, Ross Carpenter of 127 & 135 Sacramento Street explained that the City designated two addresses when the building was rebuilt in 1993. They have wanted to install the signs for several years, and feel this is the best design since it matches the architecture of the building.

Comm. Spokely arrived at the meeting.

Comm. Briggs asked if any other businesses have their address on the top of the building as they are requesting.

Mr. Ross replied that the Gold Rush Plaza next door does.

Lynn Carpenter, co-owner of Serendipity stated that the building has always had two addresses. They opened up the partition to make one space. Because the elevation is so high, the "Serendipity" sign looks very small. They feel that the address signs create a better visual balance.

Comm. Worthington disagreed. She feels the address signs detract from the historic architecture.

Chrm. Nardini-Hanson stated that she thinks the signs look great.

Chrm. Smith stated that he likes the signs with the exception of the address signs. Since the address is placed over the front door, he does not feel it needs to also be on the top facade of the building.

Comm. Briggs asked why the address signs say "Sacramento Street" on them.

Ms. Carpenter explained this. She added that since the application, they realized that they would like to add the words "Home Accents, Gifts and Cards" underneath the business name on the hanging sidewalk sign. She requested that the Commissioners also approve this addition.

Comm. Elder stated that she doesn't like the street name, or the addresses on top of the facade.

The Commissioners discussed the signs with the applicants. Comm. Worthington suggested that the facade address numbers be eliminated and the main sign be made larger and be framed in.

There was discussion about the need for a variance to increase the sign size.

Planner Murray reviewed Exhibit B which shows that the total sign footage is 23.25 square feet. He pointed out that the Serendipity wall sign is now 11.25 square feet. By eliminating the address signs, the Serendipity wall sign could be enlarged to 24 square feet.

There were no comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Worthington **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 08-26 as modified, approving one wall sign of 24 square feet or less, one hanging sign with the additional wording requested by the applicant and the elimination of the address signs for Serendipity located at 135 Sacramento Street.

Comm. Elder **SECONDED**.

AYES: Nardini-Hanson, Worthington, Young, Briggs, Elder,
Chrm. Smith
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Spokely
ABSENT: Kidd

The motion was approved.

ITEM VI: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

- A. City Council Meetings
No report.
- B. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings
There will be a meeting August 5, 2008.
- C. Reports
None.

ITEM VII: HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

**IVEM VIII: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant